

memory unit according to the discrimination information using a preset error correcting method.

35. (NEW) The optical disk drive as claimed in claim 34, wherein the preset error correcting method of the error corrector depends on a code length and a correcting range according to the discrimination information.

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36. (NEW) The optical disk drive as claimed in claim 31, wherein the memory unit comprises:

a data storage memory; and

a memory controller controlling the memory to store the data in the corresponding format according to the discrimination information.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification has been amended to improve form and provide improved correlation with the drawings and claims. Claims 1 through 36 are pending, and claims 20 through 36 have been newly added. No new matter is presented in this Preliminary Amendment.

The amendments to the specification do not constitute new matter as support is provided for the same in other portions of the specification as originally filed. The amendments to the specification simply provide alternative expressions for various combinations of elements originally disclosed and alternative explanations of the present invention as originally filed. Support is provided in such places as page 4, lines 21 through 29 of the specification as originally filed, which describes the EFM/EFM+ demodulator 56 EFM+ demodulates or EFM demodulates the EFM signal based on the mode setting information indicating the DVD or CD mode. Page 5, lines 7 through 9 of the specification as originally filed describe the ECC decoder 62 reading and correcting the data stored in the

external memory according to the mode setting information. Based on the foregoing, entry of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested to be made.

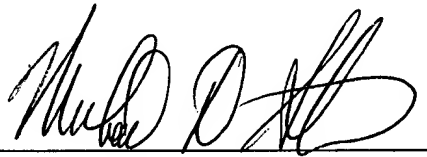
New claims 20 through 36 are provided merely to provide different scopes of claim coverage and support for these claims has been provided in the specification as originally filed. Accordingly, entry of these newly added claims is respectfully requested to be made.

In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our deposit account number 19-3935.

Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney.

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